

Serial No.: 10/735,526  
Amdt. dated 07 September 2006  
Reply to Office Action of 05 July 2006

### REMARKS

Claims 1-35 are pending in the application. The Office Action of July 5, 2006 included a restriction requirement between claims drawn to three groups: Group I, including claims 1-8, and 15-24; Group II, including claims 9-14; and Group III, including claims 25-35. By the present amendment, claims 9-14, and 25-35 have been withdrawn, however, Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional or continuation application directed to the subject matter of these withdrawn claims.

### Election

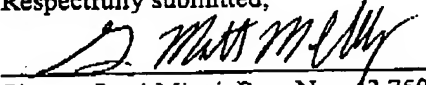
In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 1-8, and 15-24.

Applicants traverse the Examiner's argument for restriction and respectfully submit that claim Groups I and II are related by, e.g., operation and/or effect, contrary to the Examiner's statement in paragraph 5 of the Office Action. Specifically, Applicants point out that a bodily process as recited in claim 1, i.e., a method of managing a bodily process that utilizes S-adenosylmethionine (SAM)" can be directed to managing a bodily process that is disease associated, and therefore related to the claims of Group II, i.e., claims to methods "of treating or preventing a condition or disease involving a bodily process that utilizes S-adenosylmethionine (SAM)." Accordingly, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement between claim Groups I and II.

Please charge any fees which may be due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-1133. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any aspect of this application or this response.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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